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TOPIC Military Information from Oschatz and Bautzen

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DATE OF CONTENT 2, 14 to 20 August 1951

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25X1 Oschatz

1. On 2 August 1951, the barracks installation on Dresdenerstrasse, Oschatz, (K 52/E 71), quartered only a guard unit of 60 to 80 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. No vehicular traffic was noticed in the billeting area. Truck [] towing two field kitchens, was observed on Dresdenerstrasse.

3. According to an informant, there were 70 to 80 tanks and 7,000 to 8,000 tank, infantry and engineer troops in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Oschatz. Troops were even quartered in the hangars. During the night of 17 August, 17 tanks went from the barracks to the Oschatz railroad station for entraining.

Bautzen

4. From 14 to 18 August, the Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen (O 52/A 60) was occupied by only a rear unit with about company strength. The soldiers of the unit wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. According to local residents, most of the troops from the installation were at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds.

* [] Comment. The 8th Mtz Rifle Regt, the 23d Tank Regt and the [] engineer battalion of the 9th Tank Div are carried in Oschatz. Reports of April 1951, stating that divisional troops from Riesa left the post by rail and that only rear details were in the barracks installations in Oschatz, indicated that the division moved to Koenigsbrueck.

[] However, as no information on the units from Oschatz has been received from Oschatz or Koenigsbrueck since late April 1951, the present report does not confirm if or when the majority of the units from Oschatz returned to the post.

** [] Comment. The 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div, which is

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carried in the Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen, was reported to have departed in April 1951. [redacted] its barracks installation were still vacant in May 1951. [redacted]

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